

(e) the details of the project for which the assistance is proposed to be utilized by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Ministry of Rural Development, the line Ministry for Land Record has not implemented scheme in the title "Integrated Land Information System". However they are finalizing a new scheme called "Comprehensive Modernization of Land Records (CMLR)" which is a modified centrally sponsored scheme that would replace the two ongoing schemes of Computerization of Land Records (CLR) and Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) by combining and rationalizing their key components. It is understood that Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing a scheme of "Integrated Land Information System", which is not funded by Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) No such proposal has been received.

Rajiv Gandhi IT Habitat in Goa

130. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa propose to establish an IT habitat in Goa known as "Rajiv Gandhi IT Habitat";

(b) whether land has been acquired for the purpose;

(c) if so, the total area acquired;

(d) whether allotment of plots to IT units have commenced;

(e) the number of plots allotted;

(f) the total number of jobs IT habitat is proposed to generate; and

(g) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

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(b) and (c) The State Government of Goa has acquired 261203.00 sq. metres of land..

(d) and (e) As per the State Government of Goa 13 plots have been allotted.

(f) and (g) As per State Government of Goa, the proposed IT Habitat is expected to generate about 10,000 jobs. The jobs would be in various skills to the requirements of IT (Information Technology)/ITES (IT Enabled Services)/BPO (Business Process Outsourcing)/KPO (Knowledge Process Outsourcing) industries. In addition to these skilled jobs, there would also be unskilled jobs (indirect employment for support).

Suffering of losses by BSNL

†131. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is suffering loss of crores of rupees due to the cutting of lines;

(b) in what way Government are going to make-up of this economic loss; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. BSNL is suffering loss due to cutting of lines (underground Optical Fiber Cable {(OFC and local copper cables)} by various agencies like PWD, National Highway Authority, Private Telecom Service Providers, Municipal Authorities, Power Utilities, Gas Companies, etc. and also due to theft of underground cables. It is not feasible to assess the exact loss on this account.

However, majority of the cuts in OFC transmission network do not result in any loss of telecom traffic and hence economic loss, because either the traffic is protected through self-healing OFC rings or through alternate paths/routes for diverting traffic.

(b) and (c) BSNL makes all out efforts to recover the compensation amount from the agencies responsible for the cuts. It is seen from the

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